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SUBJ: TEXT OF EC-CANADA DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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1. FOLLOWING, PER REFTEL, IS INFORMAL MISSION TRANSLATION OF
DRAFT EC-CANADIAN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. MISSION REPEATS
CAVEAT STATED REFTEL THAT US RECEIPT OF THIS TEXT FROM
CANADIAN NATO DEL SHOULD BE KEPT EVEN FROM OTHER
CANADIAN OFFICIALS.

BEGIN TEXT

"DRAFT OF A DECLARATION OF EUROPE-CANADA PRINCIPLES."

"THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES HAVING DECIDED
TO FORM A EUROPEAN UNION.
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CANADA,

-NOTING THAT FOR FOUR CENTURIES, THE FOUNDING NATIONS AND
OTHER EUROPEAN PEOPLES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CREATION OF

THE CANADIAN IDENTITY WITH REGARD TO BOTH ITS CULTURE AND ITS LANGUAGE.

-RECALLING THAT CLOSE TIES, BASED ON COMMON HISTORICAL, ETHNIC, CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC FACTORS, HAVE BEEN WOVEN BETWEEN EUROPE AND CANADA, THUS CONFERRING A SPECIFIC CHARACTER ON THEIR RELATIONS.

-OBSERVING THAT THE SAME RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY WHICH CHARACTERIZES CANADA INSPIRES TODAY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING TOGETHER TO CONSTRUCT EUROPEAN UNION.

-NOTING THAT A COMMON ATTACHMENT TO THE SAME VALUES OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE DERIVES FROM THIS INHERITANCE.

-CONSIDERING THAT DEEP AND RAPID CHANGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION PROMPTS ALL COUNTRIES TO ENRICH AND DIVERSIFY THEIR RELATIONS.

-PERSUADED THAT A COMMON INTEREST IN ASSURING, THANKS TO TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS, THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF THEIR RESOURCES WHILE PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE REQUIRES AN INTENSIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

-CONSCIOUS, AT A MOMENT WHEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY INTENDS TO MARK ITS PLACE IN WORLD AFFAIRS IN SO FAR AS ITS DISTINCT IDENTITY IS CONCERNED, AND WHEN CANADA WISHES TO ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES WITH IT, OF THE NEED FOR THE NINE AND CANADA TO DEFINE THEIR RELATIONS, CONVINCED OF THE MUTUAL BENEFIT THEY WILL FIND IN CONSULTING IN A CONFIDENT SPIRIT AND BY USING ALL AVAILABLE MEANS, ON SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST, FOR INTENSIFYING THEIR COOPERATION AND IN DEVELOPING THEIR EXCHANGES IN ALL AREAS.

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-DECLARE THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES:

1. MOTIVATED BY THE SAME FAITH IN THE MERIT OF THE WESTERN CONCEPT OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY AND ITS FITNESS FOR GUARANTEEING BOTH RESPECT FOR THE LAW AND THE RIGHTS OF MAN, THEY COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PRESERVE THESE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND TO PROMOTE PROGRESS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

2. THEY PROCLAIM THEIR WILL TO SAFEGUARD THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, NOTABLY BY THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

3. FAITHFUL TO THEIR TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIPS AND THEIR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS, THEY REAFFIRM, FOR THOSE WHO ARE ITS MEMBERS, THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

4. THEY NOTE THEIR INTENT TO WORK TOWARD DETENTE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FREINDLY CONTACTS AMONG ALL COUNTRIES. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS DIRECTED AGAINST ANY STATE OR GROUP OF STATES WHATEVER. THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

5. PERSUADED OF THE NECESSITY FOR REMEDYING THE INCREASING GAP BETWEEN RICH COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THEY WILL FOR THEIR PART TAKE AN INTEREST IN HELPING THE LATTER COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER RATE OF GROWTH AND WELL-BEING. THE NINE AND CANADA, HOPING MOREOVER FOR A STRENGTHENING OF THEIR RELATIONS IN ORDER TO PERMIT A HARMONIOUS AND INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT ARE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. CONSCIOUS OF THE VALUE THAT AN INCREASE AND A BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF THEIR ECONOMIC TRADE WOULD HAVE FOR EACH PARTY, THEY WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF SUCH TRADE.

2. CONSIDERING THE BREADTH OF POSSIBILITIES OFFERED THEM BY THEIR HUMAN CAPACITIES, THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND THEIR FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL MEANS, THEY ARE RESOLVED TO PURSUE CONFIDENTIAL

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AND TO DEVELOP A COOPERATION THAT IS ALL THE MORE FRUITFUL SO THAT, HAVING ARRIVED AT COMPARABLE LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT, THEY SEE OPENING BEFORE THEM A VAST FIELD FOR ACTIVITY ON THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL LEVEL AS WELL AS LARGE POSSIBILITIES FOR ACTION BY THEIR ENTERPRISES. THIS COOPERATION WILL HAVE PARTICULAR BEARING ON THE FIELDS OF ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SPACE, DEFENSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AS WELL AS ON RESEARCH INTO THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

3. UNDERSTANDING CANADA'S PARTICULAR INTEREST IN DEVELOPING ITS OWN ABUNDANT RESOURCES AND IN ACCELERATING ITS INDUSTRIALIZATION, THE NINE DECLARE THEMSELVES READY TO LEND THEIR ASSISTANCE.

4. ATTACHED TO THE DIVERSITY WHICH CHARACTERIZES THE CULTURAL LIFE OF CANADA AS IT DOES THAT OF EUROPE AND WHICH IS A SOURCE OF ENRICHMENT, CONSCIOUS MOREOVER OF THE CLOSE KINSHIP WHICH INVITES THEM, CANADA AND THE NINE DECIDE TO STIMULATE ACTIVE EXCHANGES IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, ART AND SCIENCE.

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